



February, 18<sup>th</sup> 2019

Re: HB 2020

Co-Chairs Dembrow and Power, Vice Chairs, Bentz and Brock Smith,

The Main Street Alliance of Oregon is a network of over 4,000 small business owners across the state. With industry and geographical diversity, our members support policies that support our communities because small businesses rely on our communities to keep the doors open and the lights on. That's why Main Street Alliance supports HB 2020.

HB 2020 will create jobs for communities across Oregon, putting spending money in the pockets of our working families. For small businesses, that means more dinners out, more cups of coffee or more money to get their cars fixed or home repairs. For small contractors that support larger transportation and power generation projects, this means lending their expertise to the larger project. The economic impact will have a positive ripple effect.

What's more, small businesses will enjoy energy bill savings through upgrades made possible and affordable with funds from HB 2020. From installing clean power like solar, to upgrading buildings to use energy more efficiently, to switching off fossil fuels, to more affordable electricity or biofuel to power cars and trucks, small businesses will see savings through clean energy upgrades. HB 2020 will help make these upgrades more affordable.

It's time for Oregon to move into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and address the impacts that our climate has on our communities. It's time for Clean Energy Jobs!

We respectfully urge you to support HB 2020.

Sincerely,

Iris Hodge